

MAINE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 207  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 21, 2026

Minutes of the Maine Township High School District 207 Regular Board of Education Meeting held in the District 207 Administration Center Boardroom on May 21, 2026.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ed Eicker  
Maureen Hartwig  
Rebecca Heneghan  
Dana Jaime  
Sheila Yousuf-Abramson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kelly Foersterling  
Dean Patras

OTHERS PRESENT

Tatiana Bonuma  
Mary Kalou  
Shawn Messmer  
George Dagres  
Katie Di Sanza  
Brett Clark  
Ginny Edwards  
Dave Ulm

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

President Yousuf-Abramson called the Special Board meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. The Board Secretary called the roll.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Field Master Plan

As a follow-up to last month's discussion, Assistant Superintendent for Business Ms. Mary Kalou ran through the next steps in the field master plan process. The Board went on walk-throughs at the schools where every playing field was viewed. Meetings were conducted with head coaches and three options were shared with each school. Comparisons were made of the fields including total acreage and assessments of condition and playability. Next steps include discussion on the option that will be recommended for approval, possible community input in funding and presentation of the plan to stakeholders.

B. Major Facility Projects and Funding

Ms. Kalou discussed the 5-year forecast and the impact on funding. Major projects include large areas of roofing replacement, the unknown location of the Frost/Transition Center, the Field Master Plan and the Maine South Co-Gen building. The consensus is to take the purchase and installation of solar energy off the table at this time. Federal and State funding are projected to be flat. Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax

has been trending higher which is a positive. The Education Fund has revenues and expenses that are in line with the budget. The District has a high fund balance and has been saving for these facility projects. The budgeted surplus can be transferred to the Capital Projects Fund. The District recommends Option B for the Field Master Plan but it may be possible to get to Plan C with outside donations. Administration will provide information on how a fundraising plan could work. Option B will be brought to the Board for approval to the June 1 Board meeting.

C. Technology Contracts - Software Renewals

Ms. Kalou presented the technology contracts for 1-year and 3-year renewals. The software contracts include email security, residency software, professional learning, student information system, Microsoft and Google workspace, testing software, data analyzation software, library sources, digital records storage, and staff replacement of laptops. The overall change in budget is an increase of 7% over last year.

D. E-rate Cabling - Maine East

The E-rate program partially reimburses qualifying school and library network and communication expenses and is based on low income. The District recommends Greatline Communications in the amount of \$196,840 for the Maine East access point cabling project. The project is warrantied for 25 years.

E. Llighning Detector Replacement

The District has used Thor Guard, Inc. as their lightning detection system for over 10 years. The District is requesting to approve a contract with Thor Guard, Inc. in the amount of \$105,555.00.

F. Special Milk Program

The District is requesting to continue participation in the Special Milk Program for the 2026-2027 school year. The program encourages milk consumption for students and generates revenue of approximately \$35,000 to \$45,000 per year.

G. Copy Paper Bid

The District recommends awarding a 1-year contract for copy paper to lowest bidder Veritiv in the amount of \$142,971. The District has worked with Vertiv in the past with no issues.

H. Quest Price Changes

Quest is requesting a 6% increase for 2026-2027 due to an increase in labor and food costs. Value meals have expanded over the last several years making it a better deal for students. Quest absorbs nearly \$400,000 per year in free meals to students.

I. Auditorium LLighting Re-bid for East and West

The bid was rejected for Maine West and will be re-bid in October for summer 2027 installation. The District recommends awarding the bid for Maine East auditorium lights to low bidder Protolite, Inc. in the amount of \$320,500 and awarding the bid for electrical work to McWilliams Electric in the amount of \$34,027.

J. Replacement Lawn Mower Cooperative Purchase - Maine West

The District recommends the purchase of a John Deere mower model 1585 through Sourcewell cooperative purchase contract #112624-DCA in the amount of \$61,536.73. The District has been a member of the cooperative for five years and has realized considerable savings.

K. Resolution: Property Tax Appeals Board

Every three years a resolution is passed covering three tax assessment years. The resolution allows Board attorneys from Franczek to intervene at the Property Tax Appeal Board on the District's behalf. The District joins with elementary districts to share costs.

L. IHT - Personal Fitness Devices

The heart rate monitors used in almost all District Health and Wellness classes are due for replacement. Administration recommends the purchase of 930 heart rate monitors, 15 tablets, 30 cases and 3 software licenses with Interactive Health Technologies in the amount of \$146,219.85.

M. Budget Timeline

The budget timeline is passed in June for the upcoming school year. The tentative budgets for District 207 and NSERVE go on display July 1. The timeline is in line with previous years.

\*4. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Student Personnel
- B. Review of Closed Session Minutes
- C. Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees
- D. Probable, Imminent or Pending Litigation
- E. Collective Negotiating Matters
- F. Other Permitted Topics Under the Open Meetings Act

Motion to enter into Closed Session at 8:06 a.m. for the purpose of discussion on Student Personnel, Review of Closed Session Minutes, Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees, Probable, Imminent or Pending Litigation, Collective Negotiating Matters and Other Permitted Topics Under the Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Ed Eicker, second by Rebecca Heneghan  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Aye: Eicker, Hartwig, Heneghan, Jaime, Yousuf-Abramson  
Nay: None  
Absent: Foersterling, Patras

\*5. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion to return to Open Session at 9:12 a.m.

Motion by Ed Eicker, second by Dana Jaime  
Final Resolution: Motion Carries  
Aye: Eicker, Hartwig, Heneghan, Jaime, Yousuf-Abramson  
Nay: None  
Absent: Foersterling, Patras

\*6. APPROVAL OF MOU - STIPEND SPLIT REQUEST FOR COACHING, CO-CURRICULAR AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Stipend Split Request for Coaching, Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Activities.

Motion by Dana Jaime, second by Rebecca Heneghan

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Eicker, Hartwig, Heneghan, Jaime, Yousuf-Abramson

Nay: None

Absent: Foersterling, Patras

\*7. PERSONNEL ACTION

A. Administrator Amended Contract

Terrance Thomas - Assistant Principal for Student Supports - Maine East (replaces SL)

Start Date: July 1, 2026

B. Certified Resignation

Brian Keehn - World Language Teacher - Maine South

Resignation effective May 28, 2026

C. Certified Appointment

Madeline Raftery - Special Education Teacher - District 207 (replaces TS)

Start Date: August 10, 2026, Salary: \$75,752.00

H. Administrator Resignation

Darrell Mathis Jr. - Athletic Director - Maine West

Resignation effective June 30, 2026

Motion on 7A-D by Ed Eicker, second by Dana Jaime

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Eicker, Hartwig, Heneghan, Jaime, Yousuf-Abramson

Nay: None

Absent: Foersterling, Patras

\*19. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

Motion by Ed Eicker

Final Resolution: Motion Carries by unanimous voice vote

With no further business to come before the Board, President Yousuf-Abramson adjourned the Board Meeting at 9:13 a.m.